

fully carry out this obligation, which was voluntarily taken by our party, in convention assembled.

Resolved further, that so soon as the commission appointed to investigate and ascertain the exact status of the public domain and of the public free school lands of Texas shall make report to the Governor the amount of said land still belonging to the State, that steps shall be taken to establish said university for the colored race, either by appropriating public domain, if there is any public domain, or by appropriating lands regained to the State from railway corporations that have refused to comply with their charter grants or to obey the laws of Texas.

Approved June 5, 1899.

#### CONVENTION FOR PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION OF UNITED STATES.

S. C. R. No. 4.] CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States of America provided that Congress, on the application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several States, shall call a convention for proposing amendments to said Constitution;

Therefore, we, the Senate of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives of the State of Texas concurring, do hereby petition and request the Congress of the United States of America to call a convention for proposing amendments to said Constitution as soon as the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several States of the United States of America shall concur in this resolution by applying to Congress to call said convention.

Be it further resolved, that the Secretary of State be and is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Congressmen from Texas, and to the Governor of each State at once, and to the Legislatures of the several States as they convene, with a request of them to concur with us in this resolution.

[NOTE.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing act passed the Senate, vote not given; and passed the House of Representatives, vote not given.]

Approved June 5, 1899.

#### IRRIGATING—AMENDING ARTICLE 8 BY ADDING SECTION 20.

H. J. R. No. 35.] JOINT RESOLUTION.

Amending Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Section 20, providing for the organization of irrigation districts, and for the levying and collection of a tax for the construction of reservoirs, dams and canals.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

That Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding thereto Section 20, as follows:

Section 20. In addition to the powers of taxation granted in the

foregoing sections, it shall be lawful for the Legislature of Texas to authorize the land owners of the counties of Archer, Baylor, Clay, Wichita and Knox to organize irrigation districts in said counties without regard to county lines.

In making provisions for the cost of construction of irrigation works within said territory, it shall be lawful to levy taxes and create an indebtedness to rest as a charge on and be secured by a lien on the irrigable land for the use and benefit of which said irrigation works have been or may be constructed.

The Legislature may authorize such taxes and indebtedness as may be necessary to construct irrigation works within said territory, but no taxes shall be levied nor indebtedness created in any district until authorized by a two-thirds vote of the resident land owners therein whose lands are susceptible of irrigation from the proposed works.

The Governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1900, at which election all voters favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets "For amending Article 8, of the Constitution of Texas, so as to permit the formation of irrigation districts in Archer, Baylor, Clay, Wichita and Knox counties," and those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets "Against amending Article 8, of the Constitution of Texas, so as to permit the formation of irrigation districts in Archer, Baylor, Clay, Wichita and Knox counties."

[NOTE.—The foregoing joint resolution passed the House by a two-thirds vote, yeas 98, nays 4; and passed the Senate by a two-thirds vote, yeas 22, nays 0.]

[NOTE.—The foregoing joint resolution was presented to the Governor of Texas for his approval on the seventeenth day of May, A. D. 1899, but was not signed by him nor returned to the house in which it originated with his objections thereto within the time prescribed by the Constitution, and thereupon became a law without his signature.—D. H. HARDY, Secretary of State.]

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